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1. The Kuo Hua Construction Co., the Ssu Lien Construction Co., and the Ta Hua Construction Co. are the contractors at Kiangwan.* The manager of Kuo Hua Co. is WU Chin-an, a native of Wuhsi. The manager of Ssu Lien Co. is CHU Wei-nan and that of Ta Hua Co. is HSU Mou-hua. These three managers were formerly connected with the Lu Ken Kee Construction factory, which was, until the Communist occupation, the largest construction factory in Shanghai. Chu and Hsu had contracted for defense works in the suburbs of Shanghai before the Communist occupation but fled to the Choushan Islands after its occupation. They returned to Shanghai to work for the Communists.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The Kuo Hua Construction Co. appears in the Shanghai Dollar Directory of 1947 as the Kwok Hua Engineering Development Corp., Ltd. with WU, C.A. as General Secretary. No reference can be found on the other two companies or their managers.

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